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Catholic Books
Reported by Prof. Bernard Gilligan

Giordani, Igino — Bruce
CATHERINE OF SIENA — $3.75

This is a biography of St. Catherine of Siena, "one of the most potent and original personalities...in all history." She is famous for the dominant part she played in the 14th century, criticizing scandals in high places in Church and state and eventually effecting the return of the Pope from Avignon to Rome. Her entire life was one of mystical sanctity coupled with extraordinary fearlessness and energetic public activity. Her writings rank as masterpieces of Catholic spirituality and Italian literature. Her story is impressive even when told, as it is here, in pretty much the old-fashioned style of hagiography, without the critical and psychological approach we have become accustomed to. Numerous miracles, visions and penances of an extraordinary character are woven into the fabric of the narrative of this biography without any discussion being included about their authenticity and with little reference made to the sources of reports of them. For all that, the book still makes for interesting enough and inspiring reading, owing to the uniqueness of Catherine's character and activity, the appeal of her spiritual counsels and the insight one obtains into the conditions in Church and state just prior to the schism in the 14th century. *Imprimatur.* (9/?)

Mierow, Charles C. — Bruce
ST. JEROME — $3.50

St. Jerome, the "Sage of Bethlehem" (d. 420), is known to the general reader as the ascetic scholar responsible for the Latin Vulgate version of the Bible. The present book will acquaint him further with the character and events of Jerome's life. It is short, but informative. Jerome is largely allowed to speak for himself through the medium of quotations from his writings. One's interest in the man is aroused, but is moved on that account to want to read a better biography than the present one. This is a very factual account of his life, the commentary and style undistinguished. This is not to deny the author's competence with regard to facts nor to indicate that the general reader will not profit in any way from a perusal of this volume. *Imprimatur.* (9/? LC:59-13488)

Dell' Isola, Frank- *Ed.* — Bruce
THE GOD-MAN JESUS — $3.75

** Many American Catholics do not appreciate fully the meaning of certain passages in the Gospels and are not moved deeply enough by what they read. This is due partly to the fact that they have become too familiar with the formalized expression of the customary translations, to the lack of a sense of concordance among the writings of the four Evangelists, a failure to grasp the events and sayings of Jesus in proper temporal sequence, and bewilderment before certain ambiguous, obscure or meaningless passages. To such the present volume is highly recommended. Using the Kleist-Lilly translation from the Greek, the compiler has here selected the events and sayings of Jesus from the four Gospels and arranged them into a continuous chronological whole. The translation renders many passages unambiguous and meaningful, that in other translations remain obscure. The style, while not being commonplace, is

simple and almost colloquial in spots. As a result, there is a freshness about the Gospel narrative as presented here for which many will be grateful. *Imprimatur.* (9/? LC:59-13572)

Burton, Katherine — Farrar, Straus & Cudahy

MAKE THE WAY KNOWN — $4.50

A valuable addition to American Catholic Church history, this book tells the story of the origin and growth of the Dominican Congregation of St. Mary of the Springs, 1822 to 1957. An introductory chapter recounts the history of the foundation of the Dominican Order in the 13th century. Thereafter, the book deals in great detail with the history of a congregation of Dominican Sisters whose educational institutions are many and widespread in the U.S., the quantitative and qualitative growth of which kept pace with the expansion and development of the country throughout the 19th and the first half of the 20th centuries. This work is obviously a labor of love and the fruit of much careful research. It is written in an imaginative and interesting style. A detailed Chronology is appended. This volume should appeal to students of American Catholic Church history and, in a particular way, to those who are interested in the work of the Dominican Sisters in the U.S. *Imprimatur.* (9/? LC:59-11637)

Doncoeur, Paul SJ — Helicon

THE HEART OF IGNATIUS — $3.00

* St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, is often assumed to have been a rather rigid, almost inhumanly detached, military type, whose spiritual doctrine and counsel reflect these same qualities. His spirituality is thought to be all intellect and will, with no room for the heart. This book succeeds in proving just the opposite. Ignatius was fundamentally a mystic, and evidently a very warm, sensitive and kind person, his spirituality based solely on love. The passages from his *Exercises*, letters, and the *Constitutions of the Society of Jesus*, selected for quotation and comment in this book, establish this fact beyond any doubt. This volume, therefore, can serve as an excellent introduction to Ignatian spirituality, preventing the usual misunderstandings right at the start, or as a convincing antidote to those works that either deliberately or unintentionally give a false impression of the man and his doctrine. Recommended to all, but particularly to those who experience an understandable difficulty in reconciling the counsels of Ignatius on detachment and obedience with the primacy of love in Christian spirituality. *Imprimatur.* (9/15)

Dom Flicoteaux, E. OSB — Helicon

OUR LADY IN THE LITURGY — $2.75

This book is divided into two main sections, Part I, *Mary in the Mysteries of Our Salvation*, Part II, *Feasts in Honor of the Blessed Virgin.* A meditation on the prayer, "Salve Regina" appears at the end. Following the liturgy appropriate to the mysteries and feasts, the book aims to locate the cult of the Blessed Virgin properly in the life of the Church, neither exaggerating nor underestimating Her position. In historical, theological and devotional considerations, the author stresses the importance of solid devotion to Mary and intelligent understanding of her cult as necessarily connected always with her role in the mysteries involving our salvation. He decries sentimental, unbalanced and, as it were, autonomous devotion to the Blessed Virgin as being contrary to the spirit of the faith and its classical expression in the liturgy. This book can serve a very useful purpose by stressing the importance of the cult of the Blessed Virgin in the face of adverse criticism and simultaneously attacking distortions that the liturgy will not

countenance. Since Mariology is a present preoccupation in theological circles and since the Liturgical Movement is growing steadily, the appearance of this book is timely. *Imprimatur.* (9/15)

Guitton, Jean — Helicon
THE MODERNITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE — $2.75

A number of stimulating essays on the relation of St. Augustine to the modern world comprises the content of this short work by a French Catholic philosopher who never fails to provide the reader with profound insights of an existential nature. St. Augustine is viewed as, in a sense, the first modern man. He is shown to have had a keen sense of the inner psychological history of the individual, a real understanding of external historical process in the world, and a regard for the connection between the two kinds of history. Suggestive comparisons are made between Augustine and Freud, Proust, Gide and Sartre in connection with psychological history and with Hegel and Marx with regard to world history. Guitton sees Newman as something of a reincarnation of Augustine in modern times, comparing his *Apologia* to Augustine's *Confessions* and his *Development of Christian Doctrine* to the *City of God.* Augustine is viewed as the father of Christian and, in a sense, all modern western philosophy. The relevance of Augustine for our times is stressed. This is a book for theologians, philosophers and all serious students of the aspirations of modern man. It is regrettable that the several themes of this book are not given the more elaborate treatment they deserve and which the author is capable of giving them. *Imprimatur.* (9/15)

Maritain, Jacques — Scribner
THE DEGREES OF KNOWLEDGE — $7.50

** This probably is, as publicized, Maritain's *Magnum Opus.* It is also one of the important philosophical books of the first half of this century, dealing with the distinctions and relationships between the several kinds of natural and supernatural knowledge, science, art, philosophy, faith, theology and mysticism. The author has long been a leading exponent of neo-thomism and is probably the best known and most highly respected representative of thomistic philosophy in this country. Note is taken of the appearance of the present volume because it is a new translation of the 4th French edition of Maritain's work, a translation supervised by a close friend and disciple of Maritain and approved by the author, and because it includes all the important Appendices omitted from other translations. Recommended for college and university libraries, for students of philosophy and theology and for all who are interested in the question of principles pertinent to a synthesis of all human knowledge. (Publ. LC:59-12892)

Bassett, Bernard, SJ — Sheed & Ward
200 GOSPEL QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES — $3.50 cloth-$1.50 paper

DR The author has compiled a list of prayerful inquiries on passages from the Gospel, covering the events and discourses from the Annunciation to Pentecost, to be used throughout the liturgical year by sodality groups and other groups interested in building prayer around the life and Gospel teachings of Jesus. This is a method of meditation introduced by Canon Cardijn and the Young Christian Workers. The questions are designed to bring out the practical spiritual meaning of the New Testament passages quoted, to help unravel difficulties, to aid in answering objections and to make the Gospels more concrete and effective as a basis for prayer. An introduction outlines the method of preparation for the proper use of the questions at meetings and stresses the concrete value of the question and answer method for stimulating personal reflection and resolution. The aim is not scholarship, but intelligent, spiritually efficacious knowledge. The separate inquiries are arranged in the order of a meditation under the headings of "See", "Judge", "Act", the three parts corresponding to memory, understanding and will, respectively. Each prayer ends in practical

resolutions. The author claims that the method has proved effective over the past nine years in certain sodality groups, and it would appear that it could have perennial interest and be spiritually profitable for religious groups meeting at regular intervals. *Imprimatur.* (Publ. LC:59-10659)

Benson, Robert Hugh — Sheed & Ward

THE MYSTICAL BODY AND ITS HEAD — $0.75 paper

* A classic work of apologetics by the distinguished English convert, Monsignor Benson, this booklet defends the claim of the Roman Catholic Church to be the one, true Church of Christ, by reference to the doctrine of the Mystical Body. In beautiful prose, the author paints a picture of the life of the Church in terms of parallels with different aspects of the life of Christ. Since the Church, as the Mystical Body of Christ, continues the life of Christ in history, that Church is His in which the features and pattern of Christ's life are repeated. Rational plausibility at least is claimed for this argument based on comparison. The contemplatives in the Church are viewed as continuing Christ's "Hidden Life", the "Public Ministry", "Gethsemane", "Judas", "Caiaphas", "Herod", "The Cross" and "The Resurrection" are all seen to have their counterparts in the divine and the human features of the Church's history. What happened in and to Christ is viewed as repeated in its own way in the Church with essentially the same significance for salvation. Eminently suitable for high school and college classes in apologetics and for the instruction of converts, this kind of presentation appeals to certain minds more than do the rational and historical arguments traditionally adduced in favor of the Church's claims. *Imprimatur.* (9/23. LC:59-10295)

Cozens, M. L. — Sheed & Ward

A HANDBOOK OF HERESIES — $0.75 paper

Brief historical and doctrinal exposition of the essential features of 16 major and 4 minor heresies are here presented for the general reader's handy reference. Some of the heresies touched upon are Gnosticism, Arianism, Nestorianism, Pelagianism, Protestantism, Jansenism, Quietism and Modernism. Each heresy is treated in a sober, balanced and objective manner with overtones of apologetics. The language is simple and interesting. Recommended to the general reader and to students in Catholic high schools and colleges, who might appreciate it as a handy guide. *Imprimatur.* (9/23. LC:59-12096)

Howard, Roy, SJ — Sheed & Ward

LITURGICAL RETREAT — $3.00

DR A somewhat novel approach to a retreat is taken in this book. The author intends his considerations to fuse features of the Spiritual Exercises and the Liturgical Movement, spiritual exercise, in a sense, resting for its ontological validity on the implications of the liturgy. Intended for anyone, anywhere, at any time, but especially for the layman, the "retreat talks" are centered on the three sacraments indicative of the distinctive character of all truly Christian living, namely, Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. The aim is to move the retreatant to live a "theological" life, his morality deriving from Christian thinking and animated by the respective graces conferred by each of the three sacraments. The facts and implications of Christian sacramental living are presented in a simple, profound, imaginative and persuasive manner. Retreat masters, retreatants and the general reader can profit greatly both from the author's general approach and from the concrete considerations and admonitions he presents. *Imprimatur.* (9/9. LC:59-10657)

Knox, Ronald & Cox, Ronald — Sheed & Ward
IT IS PAUL WHO WRITES — $4.50

* A sequel to *The Gospel Story*, this volume continues with the *New Testament* text and commentary, beginning where the Gospel narrative left off. The Knox translation of the *Acts of the Apostles* and of the *Epistles of St. Paul* are on the left-hand page. The commentary by Ronald Cox, paragraph for paragraph, is juxtaposed on the right-hand page. The *Acts* and the *Epistles* are fused into a single whole, the *Acts* being interrupted at different points for insertion of an appropriate *Epistle* as dictated by chronological considerations. It is an ideal arrangement for presenting a coherent and more realistic account of Pauline activity and doctrine in the early Church. It would be superfluous here to praise the Knox translation. The historical, geographical, linguistic and doctrinal commentary accompanying it is scholarly, but uncomplicated and very readable. It helps enormously to clarify and vivify the text. *Imprimatur.* (Publ. LC:59-10654)

Lewis, D. B. Wyndham — Sheed & Ward
A FLORENTINE PORTRAIT: *St. Philip Benizi* — $3.00

A sketch of the life of St. Philip Benizi (1233-1285) drawn against a turbulent and colorful Florentine background, this little book is sure to charm readers sensitive to the flavor of Florentine history, interested in intelligent hagiography, and demanding of good English prose. St. Philip gave up the practice of medicine to enter the Servite Order, eventually to become its Father General and steer it through the severe storms that assailed it on all sides. His story is told here with imagination, urbanity and a wealth of literary, artistic and historical allusions. *Imprimatur.* (9/9. LC:59-12091)

RELIGIOUS BOOK SUPPLEMENT: No. 4- Non-Catholic Books

Reported by Dr. Roscoe Thornton Foust

The following book was reported in the Non-Fiction section

Peale, Norman Vincent — Prentice-Hall
THE AMAZING RESULTS OF POSITIVE THINKING — $3.50

The Power of Positive Thinking has had, perhaps, a wider market in the field of general non-fiction, self-help books than in the serious religious book field. For that reason the original report on the new book appears in that section- p. 713- of this issue. Some of the topics covered in this second volume, direct outgrowth of the first, include "the art of right timing...making a contribution to life....getting closer to God...how to be wrong and be honest with yourself...how to cope with resentment...regret and remorse...and how to get along with people." The application of his philosophy in the field of religion is more or less up to the individual.... The book is sure to be a best seller.

Chappell, Clovis G. — Abingdon
SERMONS ON SIMON PETER — $2.00

A lifetime of forceful preaching lies behind this book which gathers not only the biblical facts of Simon Peter's life, but the meditations thereon of an evangelistic minister. Other preachers will find this a gold mine of homiletic suggestion. Laymen, seeking to understand a Christian pioneer better, will rejoice in the early chapters of the book. For the scholar, the book will run down hill beginning with Chapter V with its tacit assumption that Peter wrote the letters ascribed to him. Many will feel Chapter X is interesting but misleading. Many may feel that Dr. Chappell has a Gospel to preach for which the Petrine tradition is only a springboard. For all of this, the book is still worth a man's time. (9/8. LC:59-10357)

Dunkle, Wm. Frederick, Jr. Abingdon
VALUES IN THE CHURCH YEAR $2.50
For Evangelical Protestantism

The more the Reformers revolted against Catholic concepts, the less likely were their movements apt to value the ancient calendar, which suffered from being cluttered and inflexible. Dr. Dunkle symbolizes the new appreciation on the part of all sorts of Protestant groups for the real values enshrined in the Church year with its annual representation of the Life of Our Lord, its many faceted approach to the Gospel, and its disciplinary guidance of the Preacher. Clergy in liturgical Churches will find his sermon suggestions for various times and occasions very provocative, and they will do well to study the suggested addition to the current Calendar of a "Kingdomtide" season. The non-liturgical parsons have most to gain, however, for Dr. Dunkle speaks with the enthusiasm of a convert, who has learned in practice how good this Calendar observance has been for him. Dr. Dunkle is careful to point out the need for adequate lectionaries to go with the changing ecclesiastical seasons. He points out the peril of inflexibility, and he emphasizes the dominance of the Gospel over any Calendar and the importance of speaking by the Holy Spirit. (9/8. LC:59-10359)

Hodges, Graham R. Abingdon
SERMONS IN STORIES FOR CHILDREN $1.75

The increased emphasis upon adequate worship experiences for children has many expressions, such as the "family service", the inclusion of a children's sermon at the regular morning worship, and the greater length and dignity given to Sunday school devotions. All these give the preacher a new challenge,--to communicate to children. *Sermons in Stories for Children* meets this challenge in two ways: 1) The preacher quickly discovers a wealth of source material capable of easy adaptation. 2) The story method is explored in a stimulating way, so that preachers can be guided in their use of other good tales. It would be a mistake, however, to think of this book as a homiletic. Young people will enjoy reading it directly, and parents who read to their children at prayer time will discover here a most useful book. (Publ. LC:59-10360)

Jones, E. Stanley Abingdon
CONVERSION $3.25 cloth; $1.95 paper

* No man is better equipped to write a book about conversion than E. Stanley Jones, who bears witness to his own conversion, and who has led many thousands in many lands to radical self surrender to God. Also, he writes well. Here is a book to inform, encourage and disturb. Laymen will read it easily and profitably. Ministers will find their soul-winning task in clearer focus. The impact of reading this could be decisive for the almost persuaded. The special value of this book is its freshness. *Conversion* is against the modern background, and considers the whole man involved in this, with his psychology, morals, resources, politics, problems. Many books have flowed from Dr. Jones' facile pen, and this is one of the best. (Publ. LC:59-10362)

Keene, J. Calvin Abingdon
MEDITATIONS ON THE GOSPELS $2.00

DR These meditations are designed neither to exhibit the author's thinking nor the depth of his scholarship. Rather, they are "teasers," initiating the reader into the scope of Gospel meaning, and stimulating him to think for himself about the personal and social implications of what he reads in the Bible. The book will have its greatest appeal to laymen using it for worship material, especially in youth groups, circles or guilds, and in cottage meetings. Those who seek guidance in their Bible reading and practice a quiet time with their personal devotions may also turn to it with profit. More than half the meditations are based on St. Matthew, the other Synoptic Gospels are drawn on in turn, with the last quarter reserved for St. John. The emphasis is much more on the words of Jesus than on the mighty acts. (Publ. LC:59-10363)

Leach, William H.- *Ed.* Abingdon
THE COKESBURY MARRIAGE MANUAL $2.50

The versatility of this fine marriage manual is well indicated by the phrase on the title page, "third revised edition". A series of Services for Holy Matrimony will prove

helpful to persons whose denominations have not set forth a standard service, while all will profit by seeing what others do with a marriage. To these nine ceremonies much helpful material has been added. The summary of state laws affecting marriage, and of denominational laws and pronouncements on Holy Matrimony and the marriage relationship, will be useful for ready reference. The revision brings up to date the techniques of various denominations in dealing with broken marriages. The increased dignity accorded Holy Matrimony and the sense of responsibility ministers feel in performing the ceremony is well brought out in the chapters on pre-marital counseling and the conduct of the wedding. (Publ.)

Mowinckel, Sigmund — Abingdon
THE OLD TESTAMENT AS WORD OF GOD — $2.75

* When a book is written in a foreign tongue, and yet is so well done that it keeps influencing our thinking, someone is apt to have the grace to translate it We can thank Mr. Bjornard for handling Dr. Mowinckel's book with appreciative care. The author does not lose laymen in the intricacies of technical exegesis, - though the scholarship is obviously and understandably present. Nor does he bore preachers and scholars by airy phrases and failure to face problems. Professor Mowinckle traces relentlessly how the scholarship, which at first seemed to threaten the validity of the whole concept of the "Word of God", had rather the beneficent effect of removing accrued obfuscations so that ultimately the glorious core of truth was exposed in full power. This is partly due to the historical approach. However, inspiration is needed to hear the "Word of God", in Scriptures. The Christian, making a willing response to the "Word of God", understands it as no one else can. He sees the uniqueness of "The Word" and of "The Word Made Flesh". He understands how Time and Eternity can be linked in the "Word". He has no trouble comprehending the fact that the "Word" may appear in various literary forms, and the chapter headed "Poetry, Secular and Sacred Legend, Myth" will be very fruitful for all sorts of Christians. Of particular interest is his treatment of the relevance of the Old Testament as "Word of God". It speaks to us now, or better, - to the individual. The ancient Word is honored not for what it was, but for its immediate power. Hence, it has effect in any life that receives it. A truly important book. (Publ. LC:59-10365)

Palmer, Everett W. — Abingdon
YOU CAN HAVE A NEW LIFE — $2.25

There seems always to be a need and demand for books like this - which is essentially one man's testimony of the way he has found the resources of the Christian faith adequate for the job of living life so much more fully that it can be called a new life. The Rev. Mr. Everett W. Palmer, who was first a ranch hand and miner, and now minister of the First Methodist Church, Glendale, California, wrestles with worry, temptation, loneliness, sorrow, resentment, weakness, and other human frailties, and brings to their resolution the medicine of the Christian Gospel by which all can be made new. Laymen and ministers alike will be glad to share this fresh approach to these age-old problems. (10/5. LC:59-12783)

Pelikan, Jaroslav — Abingdon
THE RIDDLE OF ROMAN CATHOLICISM — $4.00

What is Roman Catholicism, what makes it that way, and what are we going to do about it? This stimulating and arresting book by Professor Jaroslav Pelikan addressed primarily to Protestants, deals in a thorough and forthright way with this problem which has puzzled Protestants for centuries. Partly, writes Dr. Pelikan, it is because of a serious lack of knowledge of the real genius of the Roman Church, confounded by prejudice and fear; partly it is due to the inability of the Roman Church to see that their strained relationship with the rest of the Christian world in no small measure springs from their failure to realize that in fact they excommunicate the reformers because of their fidelity to the true Catholic faith, and

from the Council of Trent on have been trying to maintain an impossible position. This has resulted in increasingly severe losses in the political field and the cultural and intellectual field, but most importantly in the religious field. After Trent, and the Roman position taken there, Rome could carry on its discussions with the rest of the world only as with disobedient children, to whom it could not listen and whom it could not accept as adult equals. Out of the large necessity of the Reformation has come a Roman Catholicism that cannot recover and yet cannot forget what it was before the Reformation. This exposition of Dr. Pelikan's claims to understand the forms which the genius of Roman Catholicism has taken, for he loves the Christian and Catholic dynamic which expresses itself in those forms even when it feels obliged to reject the forms themselves. All Protestants owe it to themselves to understand the Roman Church better. No recent book is better fitted to help them do this. The average layman will understand the argument, which is non-technical, and persuasive. (9/14. LC:59-10367)

Redhead, John A. Abingdon
PUTTING YOUR FAITH TO WORK $2.00

Fifteen answers to fifteen questions people are asking about life and its problems. The Rev. John A. Redhead, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, N. C. answers comprehensibly and sensibly such queries as "Where Can I get What I want Most?", "How Can I learn to Take it?", "How Can I learn to Grow up?", "What Makes Man Sinful?", etc. In conversational style, with material derived from his personal counseling, he interprets Christian truths for the searching layman and the preaching and teaching Protestant minister. It's a good book for those who want a faith that can mean something in terms of better living. (10/9. LC:59-12784)

Strunk, Orlo, Jr.- *Ed.* Abingdon
READINGS IN PSYCHOLOGY OF RELIGION $4.50

Students of the psychology of religion will find this compilation from historical and classical works in this field one of the most useful publications of recent years. Dr. Orlo Strunk, who teaches this subject at West Virginia Wesleyan College, is concerned lest the significant writing of earlier workers in the field be overlooked, either because of difficulty of access, or in the flood of contemporary material that is being written. To keep things in balance the student will find here generous portions of the writing and research already done; the editor's hope is that awakened interest will send the student back to the original book for more of the same. Here are to be found selections from those whose names are well-known, such as James Bissett Pratt, Edwin Starback, Sigmund Freud, G. Stanley Hall, C. G. Jung, Rudolph Otto, Evelyn Underhill, William James, and many others. A "must" volume for all who teach and study in this increasingly important area of the psychology of religion. (10/5. LC:59-12787)

Barth, Karl & Hamel,Johannes Association Press
HOW TO SERVE GOD IN A MARXIST LAND $2.50

* Here is a book of extraordinary interest and importance, for many Christians and others in non-Communist countries have jumped too quickly to the conclusion that one may not truly serve God behind the iron curtain, and live. The exchange of letters between Karl Barth and Johannes Hamel, Professor of Practical Theology at the Seminary in Naumburg, explore both the predicament and the opportunity for Christian witness in Marxist countries, and together they present a picture of heroic spiritual stamina that raises a disturbed challenge to the easy-going, soft religion that so often passes for Christianity in the Western World. Besides the exchange of letters there is an essay by Hamel on "The Proclamation of the Gospel in a Marxist World". This should be required reading for all Christian laymen and clergy in democratic countries. (10/? LC:59-14237)

Casteel, John L. Association Press
RENEWAL IN RETREATS $4.50

There is a growing awareness and appreciation in the Protestant Church of the possibility of spiritual growth through retreats, the withdrawal of groups or individuals to some quiet place to renew life at its source by contact with God through prayer, meditation, and recollection, usually under competent leadership and guidance. Dr. Casteel writes from his experience as retreat participant and leader, and shows the reader how to wait upon God that God may renew his strength. A new understanding of Christian faith and experience will be the reward of those who read this book; those who conduct retreats will be more aware and open to the possibilities of renewal, and those who share in them will be more ready for the invasion of the Holy Spirit into their lives. (10/? LC:59-12107)

Stuber, Stanley I. Association Press
HOW WE GOT OUR DENOMINATIONS $3.50

Originally written in 1927, this useful manual by Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, general secretary of the Council of Churches of Greater Kansas City, now appears in its third, thoroughly revised edition. This brings this basic primer on church history up-to-date by including the latest church merger and Pope John XXIII's call for an Ecumenical Council. Thus this book of proven value and usefulness will continue to be in demand by the Protestant laymen and clergymen who desire a concise and accurate description of their own and their neighbor's church. (10/1 LC:59-12104)

Bratton, Fred Gladston Beacon
A HISTORY OF THE BIBLE $4.95

Every new book about the Bible, if it is competently written, is a bit more useful than the last. There is much that is tentative about Biblical scholarship, and there are fast changes in interpretation and point of view among the specialists, but there is a continuing need for such books as this which can keep the student of the Bible at least as up to date as yesterday. To put the Bible into the hands of a young person without the benefit of an historical introduction like this, and to expect him to understand it on the ground that great literature speaks for itself is to invite confusion and frustration. This book, clearly and simply written, may be freely and unreservedly recommended to individuals and Bible study groups who want to get the most out of this study. The author, Fred Gladstone Bratton, has studied and taught in this field for many years, and is now Professor of the History and Literature of Religion at Springfield (Mass.) College. (9/30. LC:59-10660)

Butler, G. Paul- *Ed.* Crowell
BEST SERMONS: 1959-60 *Protestant Edition* $3.95

Since 1944 Dr. Paul Butler has chosen carefully and well the outstanding sermons preached in the U.S. and elsewhere during the year. This time he presents 42 finalists chosen from almost 8,000 sermons submitted. Of course famous names are to be found, such as Ralph Sockman, Leslie Weatherhead, Robert McCracken, Paul Scherer, Joseph Sizoo, Daniel Poling, Henry Van Dusen, David Read, Elton Trueblood, and their preaching keeps at the high level long expected of them, but there are less known and unknown preachers represented here too, which leads one to believe that there is a great deal more good preaching being heard from Protestant pulpits today than is sometimes suspected. It's a good collection, and Protestant ministers of all denominations would do well to read it for their personal inspiration and sermon-making profit. (9/14)

Paine, Gustavus S. Crowell
THE LEARNED MEN $4.75

Those who have long delighted in the incomparable King James Version of the Bible should be eager to know how it came into being. The later Gustavus S. Paine, antiquarian and scholar, has written a book which supplies this information with careful scholarship and imaginative writing. He has recreated the lines and times of those learned men who combined their talents to create a literary masterpiece, even though their personal motives were not exactly disinterested. Mr. Paine has researched carefully all the available records and has given us the only printed sketches of some of the leaders in this enterprise. This is a book which deserves to be popular; it will be thoroughly enjoyed by all who know and love the "King James" Bible. (10/16. LC:59-12495)

Schilling, S. Paul Crowell
ISAIAH SPEAKS $3.00

Most Christians are familiar with certain parts of the book of the prophet Isaiah, especially Chapters 6, 40, and 55, the messianic prophecies and the servant poems, but with little else. This is largely because many of the most significant passages cannot be understood without acquaintance with the specific historical circumstances which called them forth. It requires special study for which there is usually neither time nor inclination. Yet the historical situations have to do with that part of the Middle East so constantly before men's eyes today. Dr. S. Paul Schilling, Professor of Systematic Theology at the Boston University School of Theology has written this "popular" commentary which is not a verse-by-verse exegesis, but is fuller than most commentaries designed especially for use by laymen. Bible study groups will find "Isaiah Speaks" both stimulating and rewarding. (9/14)

Byfield, Richard & Shaw, James P. Doubleday
YOUR MONEY AND YOUR CHURCH $3.95

Richard Byfield and James P. Shaw have combined their efforts in producing a very readable and valuable book for ministers and Church leaders, on the subject of *Your Money and Your Church*. The book is divided into two sections, the first dealing with what we might call "the theology of giving" or the "theology of money". It discusses the questions- why should I give, how much shall I give and what is tithing? The arguments are logically and soundly followed through to the only possible conclusion, namely, that the convinced Christian must tithe. The second section deals with the mechanics and procedure for an every member canvass, and if detailed to a fine degree, it is surely indicative of a well planned canvass in the place of the average haphazard parish visitation. This covers all phases of the actual canvass from its very inception through its conclusion on to the "vision of victory". Both sections are of nearly equal value for the Church, regardless of denominational ties, that is endeavouring to have a successful every member canvass. (9/17. LC:59-12025)

Schmidt, Dietmar Doubleday
PASTOR NIEMOLLER $3.95

It is not an easy thing to write a definitive biography about a controversial figure who is still living, but Dietmar Schmidt, a journalist who has been in close personal touch with Martin Niemoller for the past ten years, has done his best. He presents Pastor Niemoller as a fearless, forthright, even cantankerous prophet and evangelist who makes enemies of friends, and friends of enemies in proclaiming the Christian gospel in contemporary terms that compel him to defy a Hitler, and embrace the Russian Christian, even though both are to his own hindrance. He sets his face adamantly against a re-armed Germany, and sees any possible future war as inescapably un-Christian in which no Christian may participate. But he emerges from this biography as a lovable, human person, frail as all men are frail, but strong in spirit as few men ever are. It is good to have some solid information about

this man now, for there is much misinformation about him spread far and wide. The definitive biography will have to wait, but let all who are interested in effective, contemporary Christian witness in a largely un-Christian world read this book to their great inspiration and profit. (10/8. LC:59-12275)

Visser 't Hooft, W. A. Doubleday
THE PRESSURE OF OUR COMMON CALLING $2.50

Long a strong leader in the Christian ecumenical movement, Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft is concerned that there be a strong undergirding of theology if the movement is to grow into the kind of Christian unity of which the New Testament speaks and which should be an indispensable characteristic of the Church of Christ. Cooperation is not unity, he reminds us. "If we believe that we have already found the unity which the church is meant to have, we deny that the word of God really means what it says about full unity in Christ. The real issue is how our present unity can grow toward the unity which is biblically normal." He finds the key to this growth in Ephesians 4, - the word "calling". God invites those whom he calls, and the unity of the "called" is realized as they live up to their calling. The implications of this are spelled out in the book as he discusses the calling to witness, the calling to serve, the calling to fellowship in Christ and the calling to unity in Christ. A worthwhile contribution to ecumenical theology for the serious student of the same. (10/8. LC:59-12655)

Wolf, William J. Doubleday
THE ALMOST CHOSEN PEOPLE $3.95

* Books about Abraham Lincoln are already numerous, and more are added yearly. This is the most recent by the Rev. Dr. Wm. J. Wolf, Professor at the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass. It is a good book about the religion of Abraham Lincoln as evidenced by his own words, his own character and life, and not by what others have said about his religion, then or now. The title is taken from Lincoln's address to the New Jersey Senate in 1861, in which he said "I shall be most happy indeed if I shall be a humble instrument in the hands of the Almighty, and of this, his almost chosen people, for perpetrating the object of that great struggle." We cannot read this lucid account of Lincoln's spiritual growth without a deepening awareness of his true humility which came from a great knowledge of the Bible and earnest and honest prayer. All Americans who read this book will be better Americans because they will be better aware of their true heritage of freedom under God, for all men. (10/8. LC:59-12662)

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Eight small volumes- pocket size and in flexible bindings- this new series will be eagerly welcomed. While the majority can be defined as Religious Books, they should not be confined to that department. DAILY LIGHT ON THE DAILY PATH, THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD, DAILY STRENGTH FOR DAILY NEEDS, PRAYERS ANCIENT AND MODERN, THE STORY OF THE OTHER WISE MAN, AS A MAN THINKETH, THE IMITATION OF CHRIST and ABIDE IN CHRIST - classics all, these have proved their value individually in influencing the lives of countless people.

Berthold, Fred, Jr. Harper
THE FEAR OF GOD $2.50

Fred Berthold, Jr., professor at Dartmouth College, has made a nearly exhaustive study of the religious and the theological implications of anxiety in his book, *The Fear of God*, subtitled, "The Role of Anxiety in Contemporary Thought". Naturally any such discussion must take into consideration psychological facts involved in man's fear and anxiety. Thus we find an interweaving of Freud and Jung with Teresa of Avila, Luther, Barth, Bultmann, Kierkegaard and Heidegger. This, therefore,

is not a book for novices nor for those who like to flirt around the edges of philosophy, theology and psychology. One must be on better terms than a mere nodding acquaintance with technical and theological language and ideas, for this really involves a rather complete and detailed analysis of the theological doctrine of man. His conclusion is that anxiety is closely related to both fear and love since it is "the experience in which love and fear are both held together in tension... Just as man's psychological anxiety in general is the mark of the struggle between the inclination toward his proper end, and the threats to such a fulfillment, so his religious anxiety is the mark of the struggle between our created end of fellowship with God and the many threats to its fulfillment." (9/16. LC:59-10329)

Fosdick, Harry Emerson — Harper

A BOOK OF PUBLIC PRAYER — $3.00

* Those whose habit it is to listen to the "free-wheeling" prayers from the pulpits of the non-liturgical tradition, and those whose duty it is to compose and offer these prayers week by week should welcome with eagerness and read with inspiration and profit this collection of what must be the best of Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick's public prayers, though one half suspects that any others which might have been included would seem to be just as good. These show what careful and skillful preparation can do in producing a free pulpit prayer that has unity, soul-lifting and God-reaching power. There are not many who have Dr. Fosdick's gift of being able to use the right word in the right place, or to evoke the polished phrase to humble the penitent or lift the spirit in divine adoration. But any public pray-er who saturates himself in Dr. Fosdick's prayers will inevitably improve his own prayers, and bring his people more truly and directly into the presence of God. (Publ. LC:59-10333)

Hocking, William Ernest — Harper

STRENGTH OF MEN AND NATIONS — $3.95

A Message to the USA vis-a-vis the USSR

One of the world's best known philosophers, Dr. Wm. Ernest Hocking, emeritus of Harvard University, addresses himself and directs his wisdom toward the problem mankind faces "because for the first time in history the physical security sought by every civilized society has vanished, - driven out by the unleashed physical powers invoked to achieve it. And with the vanishing of physical security, mankind faces the necessity - awkward indeed but hardly deplorable - of finding non physical grounds for world order - moral grounds, in a world uniquely unsure of its moral convictions". To this task of helping his readers understand the problem, and the resources available to help resolve it, he brings a vast store of wit and insight to the consideration of the true nature of the good life, and how it may be lived. Diplomacy, education, economics, law, morality, democracy, international relations, nationalism, the moral dilemmas of peace, - all are acutely analysed and revealed for what they are, both in their strength and in their weakness. It is a profound book written with a simplicity that is not deceptive; only falsehood and error need be deceptively involved. One does not have to be a trained philosopher to read and understand this book, but the reader will have the gracious experience of realizing that the philosopher's ivory tower is a bit of a myth, - at least as far as Dr. Hocking is concerned. (10/14. LC:58-13679)

Latourette, Kenneth Scott — Harper

THE NINETEENTH CENTURY IN EUROPE: Vol. II — $6.00

The Protestant and Eastern Churches

Monumental is the word to describe Prof. Latourette's study of the development, growth, and expansion of the Christian Church and its mission through the ages and throughout the world. He sees the majestic meaning of it all as he invites his readers to share it in his many volumes on the subject, but he carefully shows and explains the many small parts which add up to so grand a total. Here is learning which is mellowed into wisdom, and the student will find the answer to almost any question he may be prompted to ask,

whether it be one of fact or of interpretation of the fact. This present volume is the second of his "Christianity in a Revolutionary Age", and we read of the great new burst of life in Protestantism in each European nation which amply shows why the ten decades from 1815-1914 should be called the Protestant century. No student of the development of Christianity can possibly do justice to his subject without a thorough knowledge of this study by Dr. Latourette. (10/14)

Payne, Robert — Harper

THE HOLY SWORD — $6.00

* Robert Payne's new book is exciting from beginning to end. The story of Islam from the time of Muhammad until the present day shows tremendous research which was involved in producing this most readable complete history of Islam. The whole book moves with a swift narrative pace, showing the growth and development of a proud people whose empire has stretched in a wide band from Morocco to the Philippines. Indeed this is a dramatic panorama of the march of the Moslems through history heightened by the vivid biographical narratives of the leaders of the movement. All history--local, social, political, cultural, is interwoven with an appreciation of the teaching of the Quram, the architectural beauty of the Blue Mosque, Persian poetry and the great mathematicians and scientists of Islam. It seems that Robert Payne has made a real contribution to our heretofore limited knowledge of the people of the Middle East and Mediterranean Basin. (9/30. LC:59-7157)

Reik, Theodor — Harper

MYSTERY ON THE MOUNTAIN — $3.75

This long study is the result of a life-time's brooding and reflection on the all but hidden meaning of the Exodus-Sinai events, the central or focal point in Israelite history and religion. Reik's thesis is that the Biblical account is a distorted and modified report of a prehistoric great initiation or puberty festival of some Hebrew tribes. This account, he says, is fused with a tale of the Exodus from Egypt. He finds his clue in certain current puberty rights practiced today by primitive tribes in Australia and Africa, which have the following features, - seclusion of the young men, their introduction into the tribal customs and belief, the appearance of the tribal God who terrifies them, their alleged death and resurrection preceded by circumcision. All of these Reik identifies at some length in the "revelation" at Mt. Sinai, in which the descent of the Lord, as found in Exodus, is described as, in fact, a series of carefully staged human actions. The result, however, is a resolute turning away from the religion and ideas of the Egyptian people who had become their oppressors, and a return to older, forgotten, and relinquished ways of their forefathers. In effect, Israel leaped backward in order to jump higher into a more advanced stage of civilization. On a tribal, or even national level, the father figure is replaced by the super-ego "and the resulting dispensability of the father ego foreshadows the future evanescence of God". The author likes nothing more than a good flight of the imagination, especially when the facts of history are few, vague, or even contrary to a cherished thesis, and the subconscious motivations of men and nations led themselves as easily to one man's bold theory as another. Still, the book makes fascinating, if not convincing reading, and such bold forays into the hiding place of truth can scarcely avoid stirring up some robust questions and partial answers. Reik's *Listening with the Third Ear*, was another such book, and this deserves as many readers. (Publ. LC:59-10339)

Thurman, Howard — Harper

FOOTPRINTS OF A DREAM — $3.00

Dr. Howard Thurman, currently the Dean of Marsh Chapel and Professor of Spiritual Disciplines and Resources of Boston University, has written the dramatic story of the founding, early years and growth of The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco. This is a moving story, vital to all who are interested in the integration of all people regardless of race or nationality into the Church. Those from the more traditional church backgrounds may question the theology involved in this method of calling a church body into being. However, the necessity of the times prior to the Supreme Court decision regarding integration was logically the cause. Accept or reject that phase of theology, the basic problems and programs as explained by Dr. Thurman well might be applied in any established church to help in the movement toward integration. This then, is basically a task that all must work to finish--the establishing of "a common meeting place in which there will be no Negro church and no white church, but the church of God. (9/30)

Youngman, Bernard — Hawthorn

THE LANDS AND PEOPLES OF THE LIVING BIBLE — $6.95

Edited by Walter Russell Bowie

This is another narrative of the Bible story, written to read smoothly and easily, with the addition of such information about people, places and things as is necessary to make the Bible reference more clearly understood. It begins with Abraham and continues through the Old and New Testament with a minimum of conjecture and editorializing, letting the story speak for itself. Scholarship does not intrude in the telling, but the reader who has some knowledge of modern Biblical studies is aware that full respect is paid to it by not claiming too much or too little for the tale that is told. It's a good book for young people and students who want a fair general introduction to Holy Scripture. (10/19. LC:59-12174)

MacGregor, Geddes — Lippincott

THE BIBLE IN THE MAKING — $6.00

Dr. Geddes MacGregor's excellent book very well may be called "The Romance of the Bible" in the original sense of "romance". This stems from his love of and for the Book of Books. Beginning with the composition and compilation of the Bible, he moves through the various translations into the major languages and the problems involved, placing emphasis, of course, on the English and American translations. The illustrations and narrative development are alive, factual and vivid. His section concerning the sources is valuable and scholarly; however, it is not so scholarly and difficult that it would confuse the average layman. Rather, it is an excellent introduction to the documentary hypothesis both in the Old and New Testaments, so that the serious student would be prepared for more difficult and technical works, while the general reader would have at least a nodding acquaintance with the whole problem of composition and compilation. This book is a valuable "refresher" for the Protestant clergyman as well as being an excellent introduction to the study of the Bible for the serious college student or for adult study--either for individuals or groups. (10/21. LC:59-13071)

Moss, Claude Beaufort — Longmans, Green

ANSWER ME THIS — $3.00

The Rev. Claude Beaufort Moss, a clergyman of the Church of England, is to be congratulated not only for the clear and orthodox replies which he makes to his admirable accumulation of questions about the Anglican Church, but also for the bold honesty which characterizes his remarks. In an ordered fashion the author deals with the vital tenets of Anglicanism from the Trinity down to Canonization of Saints. Some may hold Mr. Moss at fault for the strictness of his views (e.g. he scorns the priest "who doubts or denies the Virgin birth" and can only suggest that such a man "retire into lay communion and seek some other means of earning his living". For him to seek a ministry in another sect "would only be adding schism to heresy"). But none can say that he has not covered his subject with meticulous thoroughness. Every question which has ever confronted the lay Anglican about his religion is here asked -- and answered. Although written originally for use in The Church of England, "Answer Me This" has been adapted for the American market and is a selection of the Episcopal Book Club. (9/30. LC:59-13546)

Lantz, J. Edward — Macmillan

READING THE BIBLE ALOUD — $3.50

Much of the Bible was meant to be read aloud. Because of the nature of the message it seeks to convey, it deserves to be read with intelligence and effectiveness. The Rev. J. Edward Lantz has therefore written this book for those who want to delve more deeply into the purposes and principles of oral interpretation as they apply to reading God's Holy Word. Techniques are suggested, but they are based on ethical purposes and principles. The study and use of this book should result in more effective public Bible reading. (9/29. LC:59-10991)

Tittmann, George F. — Morehouse-Barlow

WHAT MANNER OF LOVE — $3.75

The sub-title of this stimulating book is "The Bible as the Love Story of God". Says the author, the Rev. Geo. F. Tittmann, Episcopal Rector of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Lake Forest, Illinois, "The Bible is the history of man under covenant with the loving God. Enveloping the whole Bible literature is the ruling theme of a love story, the love of God for man. His is a restless love for us, restless with the Creator's own vision of what is possible for us. It is an unconquerable holy love for us which will never let us stop short of what we must be." The reader must already have a good knowledge of the Bible if he would achieve full awareness of the author's fervent plea for the full acceptance of God's unbounded love by broken, empty, sinful man, for the language is mystical and poetic, and it creates a mood not to be interrupted by a search for chapter and verse, or footnotes, but given the preparation and background, the reader can expect to be lifted up to a new and higher level of communion with God, and that is high praise for any book. (Note new publisher name) (Publ. LC:59-13708)

Routley, Erik — Oxford

THE ENGLISH CAROL — $5.00

Those who love to sing carols, especially at Christmas, will sing them with deeper appreciation and satisfaction after reading such a book as this. Dr. Erik Routley, who lectures in Church History at Mansfield College, Oxford, and long known as an authority on church music, tells the story of the origin and development of the carol from the Middle Ages, through the period of the Puritan suppression, to the present time. He describes what a true carol is, or ought to be, and the way they reflect the life and thoughts of their day. He distinguishes the carol from the hymn which belongs to the post-Reformation period, and shows how the carols of foreign origin have come into English use. The book is well illustrated with humorous quotations of both words and music, and is in every way an admirable volume for those who like to sing, and who will enjoy it more through better understanding. Any mature Christian will enjoy the book; its companion should be the Oxford *Book of Carols* published some years ago. (9/24)

Noble, John & Everett, Glenn D. — St. Martin's Press

I FOUND GOD IN SOVIET RUSSIA — $3.95

with an Introduction by Billy Graham

John Noble's new book is somewhat of a sequel to his first book *I Was a Russian Slave;* however in this new book, the author has written of his own personal conversion to and witness for Christ in the Russian concentration camps in which he was a prisoner for nearly ten years. Never dull and highly readable this is more than just a morbid account of the sadism of the MVD. Rather, it is a detailing of how groups of people within the camps are keeping the Christian faith alive in Russia. The title may be somewhat misleading in that it was the author's own experience of God in Soviet Russia and not the general experience of the Russian people themselves outside of the concentration camps. This is an interesting story told with clarity and without bitterness or hatred for his tormentors. (Publ. LC:58-13054)

Green, Bryan Scribner

CHRISTIANS ALIVE $2.95

Christians the world over, especially in the Anglican Communion, have been stirred by the preaching missions which the Rev. Bryan Green, of Birmingham, England, has conducted. Many have had their faith renewed, and many have found a real faith in God for the first time as a result of his evangelistic missions. Many who have had this experience have wished to have a book by him from which they might renew the insight and inspiration which came first by hearing. This is such a book, a forthright telling of what it means to be a Christian and to lead a Christian's life in the world of today. The zest and the zeal of Green's spoken word is not missing here, and the reader finds the conviction and certainty of the author contagious. It should win for him many new friends grateful for the clarity of his writing and his intense loyalty to the faith he is so eager to share. (10/13. LC:59-11664)

Harris, Erdman Scribner

GOD'S IMAGE AND MAN'S IMAGINATION $3.50

Dr. Erdman Harris, lecturer at the Yale Divinity School and instructor at the Prospect Hill School in New Haven, Connecticut, has in this book brought under critical study the image of God as conceived by man in his imagination, and the implication of that image so conceived. This provocative subject is treated from many points of view. Beginning with the popular image of "The Man Upstairs", or the "Livin' Doll", Dr. Harris considers the image of God as conceived by the Theist, as presented by the Bible, moving into a study of this image in the Christian tradition and through the theology of the early Fathers, the Reformers. The whole problem of individual guidance brings up the question again of what this means or implies regarding man's concept of God, and this is amplified further by a study of the various sects and cults in America today. Dr. Harris is fair in his handling of the subject and understanding in his writing--opening up the field and causing the reader to be more aware of the basic implication of man's images of God. After all, to quote Dr. Harris, "the Christian view of God is paradoxical to the extent that no *one* concept does full justice to the way He deals with us or appeals to us at *all* times and at *all* stages of our experience." Man must project an image of God worthy of his mature faith, believing it to be a product of God's self-revelation. (10/23. LC:59-11438)

Coburn, John B. & Seabury Press
Pittenger, W. Norman- *Eds.* $5.00

VIEWPOINTS:
Some Aspects of Anglican Thinking

In this collection of 19 essays, as many of the younger theologicans and teachers of the Episcopal Church write with unusual clarity and cogency of the eternal gospel as it speaks to the need and conditions of men in our own age. Although they are members of one church, they speak with the whole ecumenical Christian Church in mind. They reckon effectively with the new ideas, new discoveries and new depths of understanding of the modern mind, and the reader is more fully aware of the almost peculiar relevance of the Gospel to such a world as this. Although the writers are many and represent varying schools of emphasis in the church, there is nonetheless a very real theological and aesthetic unity to be found here. Some of the subjects are Old and New Testament Studies, Theology, History, Pastoral Theology, The Ministry, Life of Devotion, Christian Ethics and Education, The Church and Psychology, Preaching, The Church's Mission, and Reunion. The authors have not yet begun to write and publish books of their own, but the reader is likely to benefit so much by these introductions to their writing and thinking as to hope that they will. Clergy and thoughtful laymen of any denomination will be helped by this book, but the Anglican (Episcopalian) is likely to benefit most as he uses the book to clarify, strengthen and up-date his own faith. (9/24. LC:59-9804)

Shepherd, Massey Hamilton, Jr.- *Ed.* Seabury Press
HOLY COMMUNION Reg. Ed. $3.00
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DR Each age has had its own treasury of Christian devotion, and much has become classic through long continued use. But much has been neglected because many people have not had ready access to it for their own devotional reading. This selective anthology of Christian devotion, chosen and arranged by Dr. Massey H. Shepherd of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific (Episcopal) brings immediately to hand generous examples of the devotional riches of the Christian Church representative of its life from the early age of the martyrs down to and including the 20th century. They are especially suitable for private devotions before and after the Holy Communion, and there is a brief subject index. In some cases early form and spelling of English words is preserved, as in selections of Thomas Cranmer, Robert Bruce and Richard Hooker, which may tend to be a deterrent to devotion since it obscures the meaning, or at least delays the recognition of it. But generally speaking, the choices are excellent, and the regular use of this new book of devotions cannot fail to deepen and enrich one's spiritual life. (9/24. LC:59-12524)

Barclay, William Westminster Press
THE LETTERS OF THE GALATIANS AND EPHESIANS $2.50

The author, William Barclay, undertook this translation and interpretation of the books of the New Testament for daily Bible study in the Church of Scotland. The insistent demand would not let him stop with the book of the Acts, as originally intended. The aim of the series is to make the results of modern scholarship available to the non-technical reader in a form that does not require a theological education to understand, and to make the teaching of the New Testament books relevant to life and work today. This latest addition to the series quite measures up to this standard, and will be welcomed by those who take their Bible reading and study seriously. (9/14. LC:59-10146)

Campbell, Donald J. Westminster Press
IF I BELIEVE $2.50

* The Episcopal Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles, the Rt. Rev. Donald J. Campbell, makes available in this book the substance of the teaching and preaching missions he has conducted in his own diocese and elsewhere, where they met with wide acclaim. Bishop Campbell's conviction is that the real difficulty most people have in religion is not intellectual, but moral. The critical lack is the translation of belief into daily living. Having a belief, as so many profess, how should it affect one's daily life? So he describes what ought to be happening in the life of a man if he believes in God, in Jesus Christ, in prayer, in the church, in Christian life, in sin, and in eternal life. This is sound and persuasive writing, meant for the mature layman who is bound to find his life strengthened as he realizes the full implications of his belief, thus realizing the strength and joy of a unified purpose and direction in his living. (9/14. LC:59-8071)

Good, Edwin M. Westminster Press
YOU SHALL BE MY PEOPLE $1.50

A Westminster Guide to the Bible, - in this instance intended to help the intelligent and inquiring layman to find the spiritual treasure in the first 5 books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch". The author, Dr. Edwin Good, writes clearly to show the vistas of faith that open up from the narratives of Moses, of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; the penetrating self-understanding of the stories of Creation, of Adam and Eve, and Noah; the depth of devotion behind the Law, etc., all of burning significance to Christians, the base of Old Testament faith. This sort of book deserves wide and thoughtful reading by the Protestant laymen who will welcome such help in resolving the difficulties inherent in these first books of the Bible. (9/14)

Kee, Howard Clark JESUS AND GOD'S NEW PEOPLE Westminster Press
~~THE FOUR GOSPELS~~ $1.50

One of the Westminster Guides to the Bible, written for laymen to acquaint them with the major role modern Bible study has played in the resurgence of serious thinking about the Christian faith. The over-all objective of the book is to make plain that, although there are four Gospels, the heart of the matter is their common affirmation of the Christian Gospel, - that in Jesus Christ we meet God at work for our reconciliation. This is the faith that informs every passage of the gospels, and provides the key by which the Protestant laymen will find new riches in the New Testament. (9/14. LC:59-9522)

Soper, David Wesley Westminster Press
GOD IS INESCAPABLE $2.50

A popular writer again shares his thinking about God in a book designed to deepen the consciousness of the presence and power of God who is truly transcendent but also imminent, the past, present, and future, the origin and sustainer of life, the one alone who is inescapable and with whom every man must seek and find an encounter after breaking with and breaking through the tyranny of our man-made Gods. Dr. David Soper, already well-known by his other books, among them *The Spirit is Willing, Highway to Faith, Major Voices in American Theology*, has a direct way of writing that commands attention. He intends to be provoking and hard hitting, striving for the unforgettable phrase even if he has to use the quip, slang, or wisecrack. He may therefore put off many who would deal with subjects as sacred and profound in language more majestic, but no reader would say that he is lacking in reverence; and if it commands the attention of those to whom this way of writing is more appealing, who shall say that these words are unworthy of The Word. (9/14. LC:59-8895)

Wernecke, Herbert W. Westminster Press
CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS AROUND THE WORLD $3.50

In a festival as old and familiar as Christmas, it is easy to fall into a traditional rut in its commemoration and celebration, and therefore miss the rich variety which has been woven into and around it by people throughout the world. Such a book as this seeks and serves to enrich the meaning of Christmas as a true peoples' festival, thus adding more brightness to this feast of light. Mr. Herbert Wernecke here describes the customs of 66 countries, making more plain, and inviting, the world-wide fellowship that has been created by the Christian observance of Christmas. There is something here to capture the interest of all, even the Christmas cook who will find recipes from the world-over for those special foods and treats that mean Christmas to both young and old. A fine Christmas present for those who have everything else. (9/14. LC:59-9581)

Heinecken, Martin J. Winston
GOD IN THE SPACE AGE $3.95

The Professor of Systematic Theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia has seized the occasion of man's sudden break-through into an wareness of the reality of the space age to put forth the Christian Theology which he teaches as one which not only is not disturbed or confounded by man's exploration into space but is needed all the more to help man understand both the world within and the world without. Dr. Martin Heinecken writes with urgency and clarity, imagination and conviction, and he carries the reader right along with him, and our increasing understanding of the physical world and its place in the universe seems, as he describes it, to be one far more worthy of its Creator than the three-story universe of the Bible, a Creator who nonetheless, or all the more, remains hidden, and can be only known by Christian faith. This is not an antidote for science fiction, but an essay which succeeds in making the truth just as vivid, and much more nourishing. It will appeal to both laymen and clerics of eager mind and earnest purpose. (10/12. LC:59-5327)